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UM ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD

MISSOULA –

The National Athletic Trainers' Association has recognized the promotional efforts of eight University of Montana students with a "Greatest Impact" Award in its Public Relations Contest.

The athletic training students worked to promote the profession in the Missoula community and surrounding areas during NATA month in March. NATA's Public Relations Contest recognizes outstanding public relations efforts by districts, states, individuals and student groups in five categories.

UM's student winners are Luke Bahnmaier, Lacey Ehnes, Kellie Fawcett, Samantha Halko, Jessica Klette, Marietta Meuli, Monica Thackeray and Angela Young. Their faculty advisers are Valerie Rich and Becky Guest.

The students will be recognized at NATA's 60th annual convention June 17-20 in San Antonio. They also will receive a plaque and a \$150 gift certificate toward NATA merchandise.

UM's Athletic Training Education Program offers a bachelor of science degree in athletic training, preparing students for careers with the physically active. ATEP is part of the Department of Health and Human Performance in the School of Education. For more information, visit <http://soe.umt.edu/hhp>.

Founded in 1950, NATA is the professional membership association of more than 30,000 certified athletic trainers worldwide and others who support the athletic training profession. For more information, visit <http://www.nata.org>.

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